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) Group Art Unit: 3728

) Examiner: M. Patterson

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Washington, DC 20231

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to Office Action (1 page)
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002, applicants present the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 66-124 are subject to an election of species requirement. The Examiner has identified 17 separate species and has required applicants to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants hereby elect to pursue species II (i.e., the shoe as shown in figure 7). Applicants submit that claims 90 and 93 are readable on the elected species.

Should the Office have any questions, the Office is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

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